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I have an encouraging development in connection with the prospects of a full-dress Congressional investigation into the affairs of Radio Free Europe and its supporting organization, the Crusade for Freedom. I have a clipping from the Richmond, Virigina, News Leader, a very distinguished newspaper, reporting on a meeting that was held there last Thursday to hear an address by one of the top officials of Free Europe, a gentlemen named Conrad Kellan, described as broadcast production chief of Radio Free Europe, who was talking to a gathering of Virginia public relations men.

Mr. Kellan, it seems, was asked about affairs of Radio Free Europe and the prospects that it may be investigated either by a committee of the Congress or by a private volunteer committee sponsored by the weekly magazine National Review. Mr. Kellan said categorically that Radio Free Europe welcomes an investigation by either source or both. He said the operation has nothing to hide and nothing to worry about and that we are open to scrutiny.

This is encouraging because this is the first time any such statement has been made by anyone in the Free Europe topside. In fact, thus far, all the statements have been explaining why there cannot be an investigation because it would show the financing of the operation and let the enemy know the capabilities of it. This new attitude ought to eliminate all the difficulties and eliminate also every possible resistance on the part of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in regard to the conducting of the investigation.

I assume that General Crittenberger, who is president of the Free Europe Committee, will confirm Mr. Kellan's statement and will issue a formal and official statement of his own to the same effect. This would clinch the whole investigation once and for all, and the Senate committee could go ahead without delay. I shall certainly be on the lookout for such a statement of confirmation by General Crittenberger, and, as soon as it is forthcoming, I shall pass it along to you. I am sure that Mr. Kellan would not have said this to his Richmond, Virginia, audience unless it was entirely true and binding.

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